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	Examiner Bethany P. Barham	Art Unit 1615	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4,7,9-12,20 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4,7,9-12,20 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Summary

Receipt of Applicant's Response and Amended Claims filed on 08/24/2007 is acknowledged. Claims 4, 7, 9-12 and 20-21 are pending. Claims 4, 7, 9-12, and 20-21 are rejected.

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 08/24/2007 has been entered.

Due to Applicant's Amendments the 112^{1st} rejection of record (05/29/2007) is hereby **withdrawn**. All other rejections of record are hereby maintained.

MAINTAINED REJECTIONS

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4, 7, 9-12, and 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US patent 6,274,133 ('133) in view of US patent 5,928,606 ('606).

The limitations of claims 9-12 and 20-21 are taught by '133 in view of '606:

- '133 disclose a method for treating a contact lens with a solution (abstract). The method comprises contacting the surface of a contact lens with a solution comprising a cationic cellulose polymer, a tonicity agent, and a buffering agent (claim 1). Cellulose polymers are a well-known example of polysaccharides, further polyquaternium 10 or UCARE polymers are taught by '133 (col. 5, lines 39-42).
- One or more surfactants are taught by '133 in claim 2. Viscosity agents such as PVP K30 are taught and Tetronic 1107 is a known surfactant (Table 2).
- According to '133, a wetting agent can be added to the contact lens solution (Claims 4-5). The wetting agent can comprise mono or disaccharides (claim 5). Thus, the contact lens solution advanced by '133 comprises a cationic polysaccharide and a saccharide.
- It should be noted that the examiner is interpreting a contact lens as a type of medical device.

The limitations of claims 4 and 7 are taught by '133 in view of '606:

- Table 2 and Example 2 teach including Polymer JR or Polymer JR 30M (col. 10, lines 19 and 39-40).
- '133 does not teach glucose or alpha-methyl glucopyranoside, but teaches saccharides generically.

- '606 teaches a device for cleaning and disinfecting a contact lens, and a method of disinfecting a contact lens comprising a wetting agent (abstract) and the wetting agents are taught to include saccharides such as glucose.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of '133 with '606, since both teach a method of treating a contact lens. Further, '133 discloses a treatment composition comprising polysaccharides such as polyquaternium 10 and polymer JR 30M and tonicity and buffering agents along with wetting agents, one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to look to '606 for known wetting, tonicity and buffering agents used in contact lens treatment solutions and would find that glucose is a known wetting agent and imparts disinfecting and cleansing properties. As such it would have been prima facie obvious to combine the teachings of '133 and '606 to obtain a method of imparting preservative efficacy to contact lens and medical devices comprising polyquaternium 10 and saccharides such as glucose.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 4, 7, 9-12 and 20-21 have been considered but are not persuasive. Applicant has argued that not each and every limitation is taught by the prior art, but the Examiner respectfully disagrees. '133 teaches a contact lens cleansing solution combining polyquaternium 10 with a wetting agent such as a mono- or di-saccharide while '606 teaches wetting agents such as glucose for treating and disinfecting contact lenses. As such a composition for treating

contact lenses comprising polyquaternium 10 and glucose would cleanse and disinfect the lenses according to the prior art.


Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bethany Barham whose telephone number is (571)-272-6175. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward can be reached on (571) 272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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